

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 254.

This bill specifies the notification and staffing requirements that must be met when a public or private K - 12 school voluntarily installs an automatic external defibrillator (AED) on school grounds including providing immunity from civil liability resulting from any acts or omissions in using the AED's use to render emergency care.

In the United States, about 220,000 people die each year from sudden cardiac arrest (about 600 people each day). A victim's best chance of survival is when there is revival within four minutes. The chances of survival decrease by seven to ten percent for each minute that passes without defibrillation. I believe that AB 254 will help increase the availability of AEDs to the general public and will save lives.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger